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SUBJECT: IAEA 17TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SUMMARY: IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE ELECTED 18 COUNTRIES TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS, BRINING TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD TO 34 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECENTLY AMENDED STATUTE. EAST EUROPEANS VOTED FOR CUBA AGAINST CHILE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MONGOLIA AGAINST ROK, BUT BOTH CHILE AND ROK EASILY

ELECTED. SEVEN OF 18 VOLUNTEERED TO LEAVE BOARD AFTER ONE YEAR, PERMITTING NEXT YEAR'S GC TO ELECT ONE-HALF OF BOARD.

1. AT ITS CLOSING SESSION SEPTEMBER 24, IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE VOTED BY SECRET BALLOT TO FILL 18 VACANCIES ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS - A RECORD NUMBER, RESULTING FROM RECENT AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI OF IAEA STATUTE. FIFTEEN STATES HAD MADE KNOWN THEIR CANDIDACIES BEFORE GC OPENED. AFRICAN GROUP, AS USUAL, DID NOT MEET UNTIL SECOND DAY OF CONFERENCE; WHEN IT DID, IT ENDORSED SUDAN, THE ONE ALREADY ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FROM THE REGION, AND CHOSE ALGERIA, GABON AND GHANA FOR OTHER THREE AFRICAN SEATS. THERE WERE ACCORDINGLY 18 CANDIDATES FOR 18 SEATS AND NO ANNOUNCED OPPOSITION FOR ANY.

2. THERE WAS NEVERTHELESS SOME CONCERN THAT CHILE MIGHT RUN INTO TROUBLE, SINCE MANY GOVERNMENTS HAD NOT YET RECOGNIZED CHILEAN JUNTA AND MIGHT ABSTAIN AND SINCE EAST EUROPEANS HAD MADE CLEAR THEIR INTENTION TO PROTEST CHILEAN EVENTS FROM OPENING OF CONFERENCE. CHILE'S SEAT WAS VACANT, LOCAL RESREP NOT HAVING RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS OR CREDENTIALS AS DELEGATE. THIS LED TO SPECULATION THT CHILE MIGHT HAVE WITHDRAWN ITS CANDIDACY OR THAT LATIN AMERICAN GROUP MIGHT WITHDRAW ITS ENDORSEMENT. HOWEVER, LA GROUP REAFFIRMED ITS DECISION AND ACTIVELY SPREAD THE WORD. IN THE END, CHILE HAD NO DIFFICULTY.

3. VOTES CAST BY REGIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. LATIN AMERICA: COSTA RICA 71 (ELECTED), PERU 70 (ELECTED), CHILE 52 (ELECTED), CUBA 13, BOLIVIA 1, INVALID 3, ABSTAINING 21. COMMENT: TEN TRADITIONAL MEMBERS OF EAST EUROPEAN GROUP, PLUS GDR AND MONGOLIA WHO WERE ADMITTED TO IAEA AT THIS GC, PLUS CUBA, PRESUMABLY CAST THE 13 VOTES FOR CUBA.

B. WESTERN EUROPE: SWITZERLAND 71 (ELECTED),
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DENMARK 70 (ELECTED), IRELAND 68 (ELECTED), SWEDEN 68 (ELECTED), ICELAND 1, INVALID 5, ABSTAINING 25.

C. EASTERN EUROPE: HUNGARY 64 (ELECTED), BULGARIA 62 (ELECTED), CZECHOSLOVAKIA 62 (ELECTED), POLAND 1, YUGOSLAVIA 8, INVALID 1, ABSTAINING 40. COMMENT: ALL THREE CANDIDATES ENDORSESED BY EAST EUROPEAN GROUP HAVE SERVED ON BOARD MORE RECENTLY

THAN YUGOSLAVIA. IT WITH DID NOT CHOOSE TO RUN OR
WAS DELIBERATELY PASSED OVER BY GROUP.

D. AFRICA: GABON 69 (ELECTED), SUDAN 69 (ELECTED),
ALGERIA 68 (ELECTED), GHANA 67 (ELECTED),
CAMEROON 1, ETHIOPIA 1, MADAGASCAR 1, NIGERIA 1,
SENEGAL 1, INVALID 1, ABSTAINING 29. COMMENT: THIRD
TIME WAS CHARM FOR GABON, WHICH TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY
OBTAIN AFRICAN GROUP ENDORSEMENT IN 1971 AND 1972.

E. MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA: PAKISTAN 70
(ELECTED), LEBANON 2, ISREAL 1, JORDAN 1, ABSTAINING 6.

F. FAR EAST: ROK 56, MONGOLIA 11, KHMER REPUBLIC
1, VIET-NAM 1, INVALID 2, ABSTAINING 6.
COMMENT: AGAIN, EAST EUROPEANS PRESUMABLY CAST THE
VOTES FOR MONGOLIA.

G. MESA, FE, AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND PACIFIC
(MULTI-AREA SEAT): PHILIPPINES 69 (ELECTED), PAKISTAN 1,
INVALID 1, ABSTAINING 6.

H. MESA, AFRICA AND SEAP (MULTI-AREA SEAT):
LEBANON 66 (ELECTED), NEW ZEALAND 1, ZAIRE 1, INVALID 2,
ABSTAINING 7.

4. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS, GC PRESIDENT
(BOSWELL OF AUSTRALIA) POINTED OUT THAT AMENDED STATUTE
BY OVERSIGHT CONTAINED NO PROVISION FOR GIVING SOME
MEMBERS OF BOARD SHORTER TERMS THAN OTHERS. ALL 18
STATES JUST ELECTED THEREFORE ENTITLED TO SERVE FOR
TWO YEARS, WHICH WOULD MEAN 1974 GC WOULD HAVE ONLY
FOUR VACANCIES TO FILL AND 18 AND 4 PATTERN WOULD
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CONTINUE TO RECUR IN FUTURE. HOWEVER, HE SAID,
"ALGERIA, CHILE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DENMARK, GHANA, IRELAND
AND LEBANON - THE DELEGATE OF RESREP AS CASE MAY BE-
HAVE AUTHORIZED CHAIR, IN NAMES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENTS, TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WILL SERVE ON
BOARD FOR ONE YEAR ONLY. AS CONSEQUENCE, CONFERENCE
WILL ELECT 11 MEMBERS TO BOARD AT EACH GC HENCEFORTH.
THIS STATESMANLIKE AND UNSELFISH DECISION WILL HELP
BOTH TO BALANCE THE PROPORTION OF NEW AND OLD MEMBERS
ON THE BOARD AND TO ASSURE EQUITABLE AND REGULAR
ROTATION OF MEMBERS WITHIN EACH OF THE REGIONAL
GROUPS." COMMENT: THIS ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED BY
APPLAUSE BUT NO DEBATE, DESPITE EARLIER CONCERN THAT
MENTION OF CHILE MIGHT PROVOKE PROTESTS FROM CUBA OR
USSR. SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF THIS ARRANGEMENT,

IN WHICH WE PLAYED A PART, WAS SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE
SATISFACTION TO USDEL. IN CLOSING CEREMONY, US
DELEGATE (TAPE) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION NOT ONLY TO
BOSWELL FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT, BUT TO SEVEN
STATES WHO HAD VOLUNTARILY CONTRIBUTED TO SOLUTION OF
ROTATION PROBLEM.PORTER

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